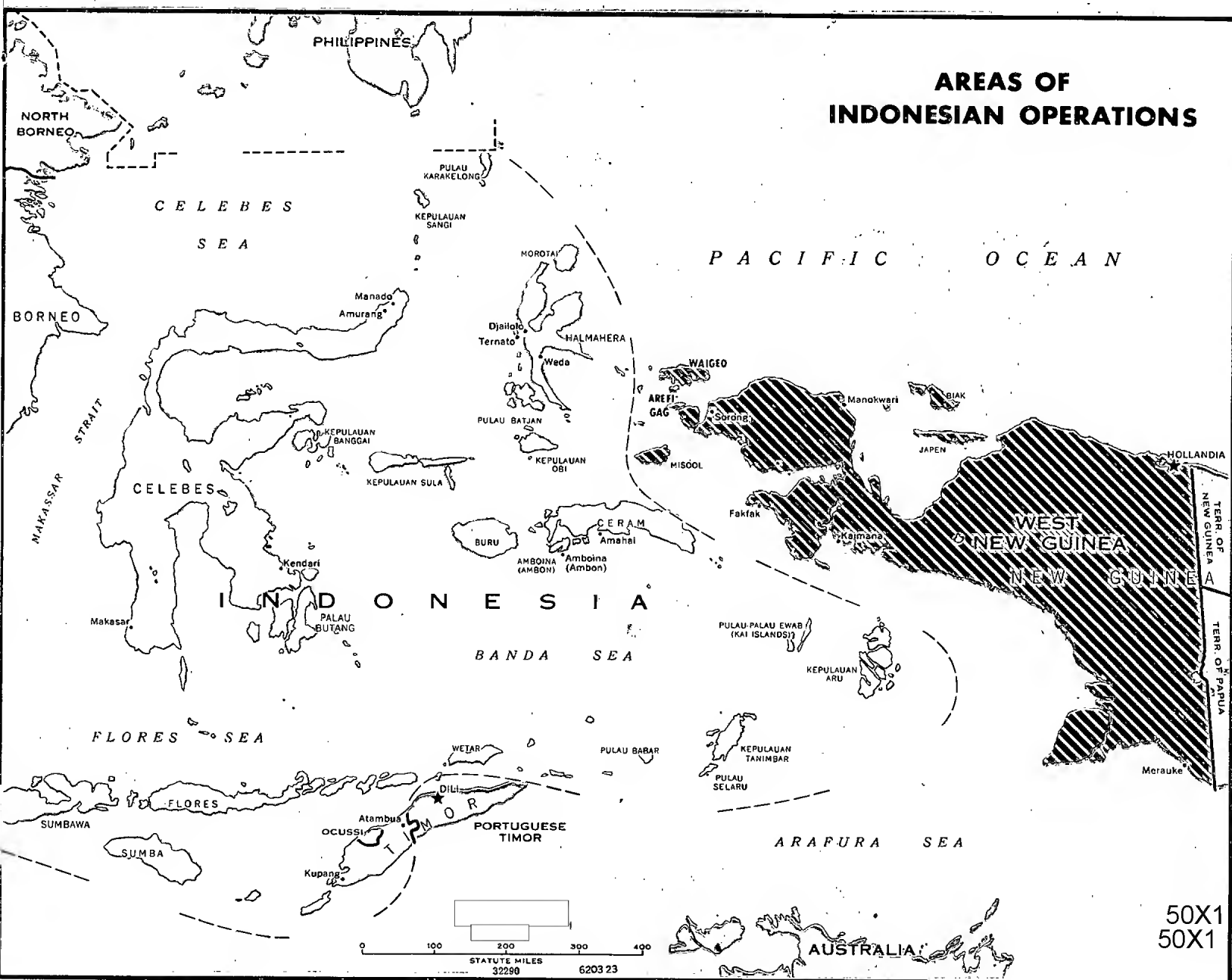


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

23 MAR. 1962

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1. Berlin

a. Continuing this week's more moderate pattern of flight activity, the USSR scheduled two outbound flights for this morning in the southern corridor.

b. The East German foreign ministry announced yesterday that West Berliners travelling abroad must have transit visas.

2. Laotian talks

Phoumi has invited Harriman to Vientiane and is willing to meet him and Sarit tomorrow in Nong Khai--in Thailand across the border from Vientiane.

3. West New Guinea

a. Indonesia has infiltrated three companies on the Dutch-administered island of Waigeo, and possibly Arefi, off West New Guinea. This is the largest such operation to date, and one group was reported sighted by Dutch aircraft.

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b. The talks have made little headway because the authority of the Indonesian, Malik, does not extend to discussion of the interim administration envisioned by the Dutch. Yesterday Foreign Minister Subandrio told our chargé that he would have to negotiate this point himself. Previously he had said there was "no limit" of time and that the US would have a chance to speak prior to any decision to break off talks. The Indonesians have asked for Ambassador Jones to return to Diakarta from Manila.

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4. Algeria

a. The OAS has stepped up terrorism in Algiers and Oran.

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5. Argentina

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Peronista-led labor unions--half of organized labor--may stir things up again with a 24 hour strike called for today. Their leaders told the US Embassy that the strikes will continue until federal intervention in the provinces is cancelled. Early reports indicated little disturbance. The military is prepared to use harsh measures in the event of violence.

6. Soviet Space and Missile Activity

a. Soviet aircraft activity similar to that associated with the 16 March satellite launching from Kapustin Yar may indicate another launching from there in the next few days. However, as no such activity was evident in connection with the abortive attempts from Kapustin Yar on 27 October and 21 December this new activity may be only a support function for the satellite now in orbit.

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b. A test vehicle was successfully launched yesterday from Tyuratam to the Kamchatka Peninsula. It is believed to be the same type vehicle that had an in-flight failure on 20 March and is the tenth generally successful launching of this--"Category C"--vehicle. At least six failures in flight have been identified, one of which was an extended-range attempt.

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7. Brazil

a. With extensive oil shale reserves of its own, Brazil's state oil monopoly has a mission touring Western European and Bloc nations to inspect oil shale operations. The USSR is said to be ready to supply a pilot shale processing plant to a private Brazilian company.

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8. Iraq tries to isolate Kuwait

Iraq is trying to bring pressure against countries who have diplomatic representation in Kuwait. Iraqi ambassadors to Iran, Jordan and Tokyo have been withdrawn. When the Kuwaiti ambassador presents his credentials in Washington the Iraqi ambassador may be recalled. Iraq boycotts Arab League activities because of Kuwait's participation.

9. Congo talks

The early phases of the Adoula-Tshombé talks appear to be hanging on the issue of the official status of the participants. Adoula adheres to the view that the chief of state is not permitted by the constitution to bargain away national prerogatives with a provincial president. Ambassador Gullion expected a showdown yesterday, but the results have not yet been received in Washington.

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A. [REDACTED] 50X1
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pleased over the limited support by the [REDACTED] UN votes on Peiping's 50X1
membership.

B. Activity at Communist China's Shuangchengtzu missile test range
suggests the launching of a surface-to-surface missile [REDACTED]

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D. On 21 March Czechoslovakia extended a new credit of \$56,000,000
to Egypt for the purchase of machinery and equipment, bringing
the total credit it has given Egypt to \$87,000,000.

E. The US Ambassador to Israel, after conversations with the Israeli
Foreign Minister, Mrs. Meir, believes the Israelis wish to restore
quiet to the border and are prepared to use the UN machinery to
this end, although they question the effectiveness of the UN
apparatus on the spot.

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